

## **LCWR ASSEMBLY 2010 RESOLUTION STRENGTHEN BONDS AMONG WOMEN RELIGIOUS GLOBALLY**

**The Leadership Conference of Women Religious will actively seek to strengthen bonds with women religious throughout the world.**

### **RATIONALE**

- LCWR and its members are grateful for and humbled by recent expressions of encouragement and support from other conferences and groups of women and men religious in our time of vulnerability.
- These messages remind us of previous calls from members gathered in assembly for greater global interconnectedness.
- Rather than focus only on our own situation as U.S. women religious, we see this time as an opportunity to learn more about the struggles of religious, particularly women religious, in other countries, in circumstances both different from and similar to our own.
- While some LCWR member congregations are international in scope, others have only a few members, or none, serving outside the United States, yet we realize with heightened awareness that we are all part of a global church.
- This awareness leads us to acknowledge our need to listen more attentively to the stories of our sisters world wide, to learn from their experiences, and to broaden our vision as U.S. women religious.
- A deepened understanding of global realities will call us to new ways of conversion in our living of the Gospel as women religious.

### **SUGGESTED ACTIONS**

1. As individuals, congregations, LCWR regions, board and staff, keep in grateful prayer all religious throughout the world during a time of struggle and vulnerability.
2. Challenge each other to see ourselves as part of a global community and to claim the struggles of others as our own in order to offer support in ways that are possible and appropriate.
3. In region meetings, identify ways that members will invite sisters in other countries to share their stories, especially experiences of struggle, the realities they face in their cultures and Church, and what gives them "hope in the midst of darkness."
4. Commission the national board and staff to facilitate the collection and sharing of these stories with LCWR members and to explore ways of enhancing connections between LCWR and other conferences and groups of women religious around the world.

Submitted by members of the LCWR Global Concerns Committee